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SUBJ: DAVID BRODER, WASHINGTON POST, JULY 30, 1975

FOR BREMER AND COVEY FROM ANDERSON AND EAGLEBURGER

FOLLOWING FOUR PARAS APPEARED AT END OF DAVID BRODER COLUMN
THIS MORNING, JULY 30, 1975.

QUOTE: I THINK READERS OF THIS COLUMN ARE ENTITLED TO KNOW
THAT THIS REPORTER WAS ASKED TO COME TO SECRETARY OF STATE
KISSINGER'S OFFICE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE KISSINGER'S COMMENTS
ON ONE OF LAST WEEK'S COLUMNS. IT CRITICIZED THE SECRETARY'S
ROLE IN ADVISING PRESIDENT FORD NOT TO SEE SOVIET EXILE
WRITER ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN.

THE INTERVIEW WAS BRIEF AND UNPRODUCTIVE. ALTHOUGH KISSINGER
HAD INITIATED THE MEETING, HE REFUSED FROM OUTSET TO BE
QUOTED, AND THIS REPORTER DECLINED TO LISTEN TO STATEMENTS
WHICH THE SECRETARY WOULD NOT MAKE ON THE RECORD.

JUST BEFORE THE BRIEF MEETING ENDED, HE DID SAY: 'I WILL
TELL YOU, ON THE RECORD, THAT I GAVE PRESIDENT FORD, A MONTH
AFTER HE CAME INTO OFFICE, A COPY OF 'THE GULAG ARCHIPELAGO'
(SOLZHENITSYN'S CHRONICLE OF THE SOVIET PRISON CAMPS).

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'I TELL YOU THIS JUST TO REFUTE THE CHARGE THAT I WISHED TO

PREVENT HIM (MR. FORD) FROM HAVING AN INSIGHT INTO THE

MORAL DIMENSION OF SOLZHENITSYN'S THINKING.'

I AM HAPPY TO NOTE THAT FACT, FOR THE RECORD. BUT I MUST
EXPRESS TO THE READERS, AS I DID TO THE SECRETARY, MY DEEP
REGRET AT HIS REFUSAL TO DISCUSS MORE FULLY AND PUBLICLY
THE IMPORTANT ISSUES RAISED BY HIS ROLE IN THE SOLZHENITSYN
AFFAIR. PERHAPS, AS THE DIPLOMATS SAY, HE WILL RECONSIDER.
END QUOTE INGERSOLL

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